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WEDNESDAY, *July* 8, 1761.

AT the Court at St. *James*'s, the 8th Day of *July*, 1761,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York,
Archbiſhop of Canterbury,
Lord Chancellor,
Lord Preſident,
Lord Privy-Seal,
Lord Chamberlain,
Duke of Bolton,
Duke of Leeds,
Duke of Bedford,
Duke of Rutland,
Duke of Queensberry,
Lord Great Chamberlain,
Duke of Newcaſtle,
Lord Steward,
Earl of Huntingdon,
Earl of Winchilſea,
Earl of Sandwich,
Earl of Shafteſbury,
Earl of Holderneſſe,
Earl of Rochford,
Earl of Albemarle,
Earl of Godolphin,
Earl of Cholmondeley,
Earl of Kinnoul,
Earl of Bute,
Earl of Halifax,
Earl Waldegrave,
Earl of Bath,
Earl of Buckinghamſhire,
Earl of Powis,
Earl of Harcourt,
Earl Cornwallis,
Earl of Hardwicke,
Earl of Egmont,
Earl of Thomond,
Viſcount Falmouth,
Viſcount Barrington,
Viſcount Bateman,
Viſcount Ligonier,
Viſcount Royſton,
Lord Berkeley of Stratton,
Lord Sandys,
Lord Anſon,
Lord Lyttelton,
Lord Melcombe,
Lord Grantham,
Mr. Vice Chamberlain,
Henry Legge, Eſq;
George Grenville, Eſq;
James Grenville, Eſq;
Mr. Secretary Pitt,
Lord Chief Juſtice Willes,
Maſter of the Rolls,
Henry Fox, Eſq;
Charles Townſhend, Eſq;
Robert Nugent, Eſq:
Wellbore Ellis, Eſq;
Sir Francis Daſhwood.

His Majeſty being this Day preſent in Council, was pleaſed to make the following Declaration, viz.

HAVING nothing ſo much at Heart, as to procure the Welfare, and Happineſs, of My People, and to render the ſame ſtable, and permanent, to Poſterity, I have, ever ſince my Acceſſion to the Throne, turned my Thoughts towards the Choice of a Princeſs for my Conſort; and I now, with great Satisfaction, acquaint you, that, after the fulleſt Information, and mature Deliberation, I am come to a Reſolution to demand in Marriage the Princeſs Charlotte of Mecklenburg Strelitz, a Princeſs diſtinguiſhed by every eminent Virtue and aimable Endowment, whoſe Illuſtrious Line has conſtantly ſhewn the firmeſt Zeal for the Proteſtant Religion, and a particular Attachment to My Family. I have judged proper to communicate to you theſe My Intentions, in order that you may be fully appriſed of a Matter ſo highly important to Me, and to My Kingdoms; and which, I perſuade Myſelf, will be moſt acceptable to all My Loving Subjects.

Whereupon all the Privy Councillors preſent, made it their humble Requeſt to His Majeſty, that This His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Declaration to them might be made Publick; which His Majeſty was pleaſed to order accordingly.

W. Sharpe.

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